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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/602,206	MURASE ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Ellen M. McAvoy	1764	

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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 23 June 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/7/05; 9/12/05; 11/11/2005
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

- (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sugiura et al (6,378,415) in combination with either Goda et al (6,506,868) or Goda et al (6,525,160).

Sugiura et al [“Sugiura”] discloses improving the durability of a coating layer formed on the sliding surfaces between two members such as the shoes and the swash plate in a compressor. The coating layer comprises a resin material containing metallic particles being formed on at least one of the sliding surfaces. Examples of suitable resin materials include epoxy resins, phenolic resins, furan resins, polyamideimide resins, fluororesins such as PTFE and other resins. Mixtures of resins may also be used. See column 4, lines 2-9. Examples of metallic particles include solid lubricants such as molybdenum disulfide and graphite. See column 3, lines 49-57. The sliding component of the claims, which may be used as the swash plate in a compressor, differs by including a silane-modified resin in the coating layer. However, such silane-modified resins are known in the art as evidenced by the Goda et al [“Goda”] references as effective in coating compositions.

The Goda references disclose silane-modified epoxy resins, silane-modified polyimide resins, silane-modified polyamideimide resins and silane-modified phenol resins which may be used in various applications. Goda teaches that the silane-modified resins have greatly improved

heat resistance, mechanical strength, and the like, and also have the conflicting properties of satisfying flexibility and high elongation rate at the same time. Goda teaches that the silane-modified resins may contain various additives such as solvents, fillers, mold releasing agents, stabilizers, and the like, and may be used for various applications such as sealing materials, laminates, heat-resistant coating compositions, heat-resistant adhesives, and as coatings for electric and electronic materials and the like. Having the prior art references before the inventors at the time the invention was made it would have been obvious to the skilled artisan to have followed the teachings of the prior art and to have used the silane-modified resins of Goda in the coating compositions of Sugiura to produce a coating having improved heat resistance, mechanical strength and satisfying flexibility.

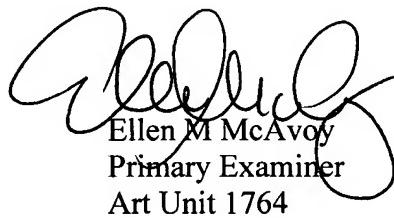
### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicants' disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ellen M. McAvoy whose telephone number is (571) 272-1451. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-5:00) with alt. Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Calderola can be reached on (571) 272-1444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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